

# HEBREWS 11:1 NKJV 1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

| Growing in Faith                                       |  |   |  |  |  |
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| Fear   | Hope   | Faith   |  |  |  |
| "Fear" I'm the only provider How can I protect myself? | "Hope" God is sovereign God is good God is my provider | "Faith"<br>Hear God's Promise<br>Believe God's promise<br>Wait on God's promise |  |  |  |
| What can I do about<br>this problem?                   | Who else can save me<br>from all my problems?          | Who can separate me from the love of God?                                       |  |  |  |

l After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great."

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## Spiritual Evidence Fear Not Don't stay in Fear of the evidence. Build Faith on hope I AM Your Shield Use me as a small shield to battle these quick thoughts I AM your Reward Use my covenant with you to make demands on my promises

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## 1 THESSALONIANS 3:10

10as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith?

| enant is an agreement between God and an accord whose terms are set by God. |  |
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# Real faith never disappoints because it is in God, grounded on His character, promises, covenant and oath. A. W. Tozer

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## COVENANT FAITH Covenant feeds faith with spiritual evidence in the fight of faith

5And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." 6And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

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## GENESIS 15

7 And he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to possess." 8 But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?"

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## COVENANT FEEDS FAITH

1. God feeds covenant when we're weary

The struggle to reach a triumphant state of heart and mind that rests in the truth of God and is filled with confidence in God.

1 Timothy 6:12 Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called...

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## **GENESIS 15**

9 He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." 10 And he brought him all these, cut them in half, and laid each half over against the other. But he did not cut the birds in half.

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## The Command Incomplete Directions. The unknown. God sets the terms The Sacrifice Animals: heifer, ram, goat, dove, pigeon The Wait Defends the sacrifice against the vultures The Exhaustion Abram physical limitations

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## 1. God feeds covenant when we're weary 2. Covenant marks our souls

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## GENESIS 15

11 And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. 12 As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram. And behold, dreadful and great darkness fell upon him.

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God symbolically tramples barefoot through the blood to give Abram assurance and confidence that he can trust the word of the Lord. God doesn't chastise Abram for questioning him or asking for a sign. He just gives Abram what he needs in the form of a common, yet deadly serious, ritual.

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## **ROMANS 8:32**

32 He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

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## POMANE 5:10

For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

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## 1. God feeds covenant when we're weary 2. Covenant marks our souls 3. Promise to bless future generations

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| The Visitation       | God visits, gives revelation                       |
|                      | God lists out His guarantees                       |
| Cutting the covenant | Smoking Pot and Blazing Torch. God does both sides |
|                      | God gives things to have faith in for the future   |

13 Then the Lord said to Abram, "Know for certain that your offspring will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs and will be servants there, and they will be afflicted for four hundred years. 14 But I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve, and afterward they shall come out with great possessions.

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## **GENESIS 15**

17 When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. 18 On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates,

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## COVENANT FAITH

Settle this in your heart: Whether I am up or down, the Lord Jesus is the same. Whether I sing or sigh, the promise is true and the Promiser is faithful. Whether I stand on the summit or am hidden in the vale, the covenant stands fast and everlasting love abides.

- Charles Spurgeon



